

IT LOOKS LIKE UNCLE JOE.

CANNON IS NOW THE FAVORITE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Booms of Fairbanks and Hitt Have Declined, and the Republican Leaders Have Become Convinced That Cannon Is the Man to Nominate at Chicago.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The Vice-President pendulum, which was for several months fitfully suspended over the head of Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, recently swung out of its orbit and brought Speaker Cannon beneath its point. It then went still further out of plumb until it touched the venerable head of Congressman Hitt of Illinois, where, apparently, it was ready to stop. Now it has swung back, and it looks as if, after all, Uncle Joe would have to pay the forfeit.

When Mr. Cannon gave out his now famous interview in which he said, as emphatically as a statesman and politician can say anything, that he did not want the nomination and would not take it, he thought that the pendulum would swing to the right. But as he was going to take leave of Washington, firm in the belief that he had no more serious business on his hands for the coming summer than to write the brief speech which he will deliver as permanent chairman of the Republican national convention, a colleague came up behind him in a spirit of fun, held his hand over him, and said:

"Heavy, heavy, the pendulum is swinging over your head, but it is not swinging to the right, it is swinging to the left."

"You're it," promptly said his tormentor, "and you must pay the forfeit."

Now, according to all the indications, Mr. Cannon must accept the decision.

The Fairbanks movement seems to have run its course, the pendulum has swung back from Hitt, and apparently it is going to remain suspended over the blond head of the Speaker. During the present week President Roosevelt has had many conferences with influential Senators and other Republicans, and as a result there is a firm conviction in the minds of those who are most closely identified with the preparations for the coming convention and the fall campaign that Mr. Cannon will be nominated on the ticket with Roosevelt and that he will not be able to decline.

The Hitt boom was spontaneous and popular for a time, but it began to decline when Mr. Hitt's age was taken into account and the fact became generally known that he is not sufficiently vigorous, mentally and physically, to be put in direct line for succession to the Presidency. Mr. Hitt is only two years older than Mr. Cannon, it is true, but practically he is at least ten years his senior. He will be 71 in January, and has the appearance of a man near 80, while Mr. Cannon, who is 69, is in all respects as young as most men of 55.

Mr. Hitt has all his life been a student and dreamer, while Mr. Cannon has been an active, hard working man of affairs and has managed to mix politics and play with his work to such an extent that the duties of his office have had little or no effect upon his mental and bodily strength. He has always taken a very prominent part in the social life of Washington, has attended stag dinners and card parties, and has been known even to out a pigeon wing occasionally at some of the informal dances which he has attended at the homes of his friends, while Mr. Hitt has remained almost secluded in his study or in the drawing room of his own house.

It is looked upon as an old man, while Mr. Cannon is in as good trim to start in for a political campaign as he has been at any time during the last fifteen or twenty years. It is conceded that Illinois will be one of the pivotal States this year, as much so as Indiana, and Mr. Cannon's popularity with Republicans throughout the country, his tight grasp on the political situation in his own State and the prominence he has gained as Speaker of the House are all elements of strength to such a degree that the Republican leaders think his nomination would strengthen the ticket.

The Republican leaders do not hope to get the consent of Mr. Cannon in advance, but it is the general opinion here among Republicans who have been giving much thought to the subject during the past few weeks that when the convention meets it will be found that the desire for his nomination is so general that it would be the part of wisdom to nominate him and that he will have no valid excuse for declining.

Among the Washington politicians the belief has therefore become fixed that the ticket which will be nominated at Chicago in June will be that of Theodore Roosevelt of New York and Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois.

PINNED IN SMASHED COUPE.

Two Carriages Wrecked in Park Runaway and Five People Hurt.

Emil Baucamp, of 158 West Thirty-fourth street, was bowling along the East Drive in Central Park, in a carriage, yesterday afternoon, with two friends, when the two big boys he was showing off took fright near Sixty-fifth street. They galloped along the Drive at a breakneck pace, narrowly missing several vehicles, until they smashed in a crowd in which a man and woman were being driven by Edward Hayes of 218 West Thirty-fifth street.

Baucamp and his friends, Louis Heide of 158 West Thirty-fourth street and Henry How of 124 West Thirty-fourth street, were hurled out. The coupe, composed of a wheel, a seat and a man and woman, was pinned underneath its wreckage. The horses broke free and ran on down the driveway.

Police Officer John Murphy had to get to the jammed woodwork so as to release the man and woman. They were treated by a doctor and released. The man and woman were pinned underneath the wreckage. The horses broke free and ran on down the driveway.

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WOMAN SUES GEO. B. HULME.

Says He Agreed, Ten Years Ago, to Marry Her and Hasn't Done So Yet.

George B. Hulme, an Oxford man and well known writer, who is secretary and treasurer of the Insurance Exchange and a member of the New York Athletic Club and the Manhattan Club, has been served by Hove & Hummel with the papers in a \$10,000 breach of promise suit brought by Nettie M. Hunter, who is now living at 2465 Broadway. Hulme has an office in the Empire Building and lives at the Rutland, 250 West Fifty-seventh street.

Miss Hunter swears that Hulme proposed to her and was accepted in 1893, but on various pretexts deferred fixing a wedding day. Meanwhile, she says, she has lived at his expense and made two trips to Europe with him. Her statements are supplemented by a stack of love letters from Hulme extending over a period of ten years. In her affidavit Miss Hunter says she met Hulme at a social in 1893 and gave him permission to call on her at 1 East Twenty-seventh street, where she was then living. He proposed, she says, after a brief acquaintance and was accepted after she had taken time to consider his offer.

In August, 1895, she says she accompanied him on a two months' trip to Europe and was introduced to his sisters and relatives abroad as his fiancée. Two years later, she says, she joined Hulme in Europe at his request and remained over there with him for three months. Upon her return she engaged the house at 104 West Seventy-fourth street, which he furnished and she lived there for three years, Hulme paying the bills. Meanwhile she urged him to fulfill his promise of marriage, but was put off with the statement that his family affairs presented a temporary obstacle.

"During all this time," says Miss Hunter's complaint, "the defendant never failed to assure me of his love and affection and of his desire to make me his wife."

Her allowance from Hulme of \$600 a month was cut to \$180 in October, 1900, and this amount was continued until April 1, 1904, when, she says, Hulme not only refused to marry her, but discontinued her allowance.

Mr. Hulme said last night that Miss Hunter's allegations were untrue. Further than that he would not discuss the case.

SHOT DEAD BY A NEIGHBOR.

Delaware County Farmer Killed and His Body Left in the Road.

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., May 28.—John Gay, one of the best known farmers of North Franklin, Delaware county, was shot and instantly killed by W. Henry Fritts at about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Gay was passing the house of Fritts when the latter rushed out with a rifle in his hand. When Gay was about a rod away Fritts lifted his gun to his shoulder and fired, the bullet passing through vital organs. Death resulted almost instantly, the murderer declaring that he walked to the spot and stood over his old neighbor watching him breathe his last.

Later on Fritts went to the Gay homestead and, with an air of bravado, informed the dead man's wife that he had just shot her husband and that the body lay in the road where it fell. He then gave himself up to justice of the Peace Miller and was taken into custody.

Later on Fritts, the only son of the murdered man, returning from Oneonta, was horrified to find his father's dead body lying in the road. After trying in vain to lift it into the wagon he was obliged to move it to one side that he might pass.

Fritts alleges that Gay had destroyed his home, a fact which the other neighbors are very loath to believe.

Gay was 60 years of age and is survived by a wife and four children, Mrs. James Spurbuck and Mrs. Walter Cain, both of Oneonta; Miss Inez Gay, a graduate of the Oneonta Normal School, and now teaching at East Orange, N. J., and Ira Gay, who lives at home and has been conducting the homestead farm.

COL. PITCHER'S LOVE AFFAIR.

To Be Court-Martialed for Jilting the Girl to Whom He Was Engaged.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—A careful investigation of the charges that Lieut. Col. William L. Pitcher of the Twenty-eighth Infantry jilted Miss Caroline Harrold of this city, to whom he was engaged, the War Department has referred all the papers to Judge Advocate General Davis for the preparation of formal charges upon which a trial by court-martial can be had.

Col. Pitcher was called upon to explain his conduct toward Miss Harrold and to tell why he had kept her in ignorance of his intentions not to marry her after formal announcement of their engagement. He explained that could he have told her nothing more than that he had changed his mind, and he thought to do this would have hurt her feelings. He said that he wrote her a letter to tell her that he was leaving her, but that he would call upon Miss Harrold to furnish a copy of this letter to Gen. Davis before the formal charges are prepared.

Friends of Miss Harrold say that the letter can have no bearing on Col. Pitcher's silence after leaving Miss Harrold. Failing to hear from him she believed, they assert, that after going to New York he must have been in a crowd in which a man and woman were being driven by Edward Hayes of 218 West Thirty-fifth street.

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OPPOSITION TO CORTELYOU.

U. S. SENATORS WHO WANT DRYDEN TO RUN CAMPAIGN.

Think He Would Be a More Eloquent National Chairman Than the President's Choice—Penrose's Visit Here to Consult—Unexpected Development.

President Roosevelt's selection of Secretary Cortelyou to be Republican national chairman has aroused antagonism where it was unexpected. It was learned last night that the recent visit of Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania to New York city was for the purpose of consulting with Republicans about an effort to concentrate on some candidate for national chairman to defeat Secretary Cortelyou and that the opposition has selected John Fairchild Dryden, junior Republican United States Senator for New Jersey.

It is learned that the senior United States Senator for New Jersey, John Keen, is not at all unfavorably impressed with the suggestion that the college, Senator Dryden, would be the man to elect national chairman, and that in this matter he and Senator Penrose and their friends have the powerful support of United States Senator Eugene Hale of Maine.

It was said that the United States Senators who favor Mr. Dryden do so, first, because they are nettled at the idea that President Roosevelt should have selected Mr. Cortelyou without consultation with any of them or with any of the leaders of the party; second, because Mr. Cortelyou, in their opinion, is not the man for the substantial responsibilities of the place, being little known to the great financial interests whose aid must be sought in the coming battle, and third, because Senator Dryden is a millionaire a score of times over and is a good producer himself, besides having the confidence of the financial and commercial interests in all the great centers of the country.

Those in the movement to defeat the President's selection of Mr. Cortelyou declared that they would be successful in supplanting him with Senator Dryden at Chicago. They added that the opposition to the President's selection was growing and that more United States Senators than have been named believed that Senator Dryden should have the place.

President Roosevelt's friends at the Union League Club said last night that the United States Senators could howl all they liked, that the President had selected Mr. Cortelyou to be national chairman, and national chairman he would be.

HER TWO BATTLES FOR HORSES.

Miss Whiting Believes Two Teams and Wakes Up a New Cop.

Miss Bella Whiting, confidential secretary to a downtown broker, went to the rescue of four sick horses, had one driver arrested and made a complaint against a new cop for neglect of duty, all on her way home from work yesterday afternoon.

Miss Whiting, who says she knows a good deal about horses and has frequently had her name written on the big book in John P. Haines's humane headquarters at Twenty-sixth street and Fifth avenue, first had her attention attracted by a team of thin horses stranded with a truckload of furniture at Broadway and Prince streets.

She had a heart to talk with the driver, and after threatening to have him locked up for cruelty to animals saw him unhitch the horses and lead them away.

When Miss Whiting reached her home at 293 Third avenue she found everybody apparently waiting for her. The surface cars were blocked each way at Twenty-third street by a black truck horse that had fallen from a cab and was being run over by a man. It took half a dozen street car employees and the driver twenty minutes to get the horses on their feet. Miss Whiting didn't say anything until she saw the driver start to hitch up the horses again. Then she went to Policeman Berg of the East Twenty-second street station, who hasn't been on the force long, and said:

"You're not going to let that man hitch up those poor horses again, are you?" "I guess the driver knows his business," replied Berg.

Miss Whiting said she knew the horses were sick, and declared that she wanted the driver arrested. Berg refused, and she went to the station house and told the circumstances to Sergt. Jordan. He sent word back to Berg to do his duty.

In the mean time, the cop saw a light and a telephone call to the Haines society, and an S. P. C. A. officer was sent over in a hurry. He said that one of both of the horses ought to be shot, and arrested the driver. The latter gave his name as Albert Seabold of 800 West 129th street. He is employed by the Roselle Transfer Company of 304 West 127th street.

"I wish I could afford to do nothing else but travel around the city protecting horses from cruel drivers," said Miss Whiting, when she saw the team led away by the Haines man.

MANICURIST'S BODY AT MORGUE.

Girl Who Had Wealthy Women Patrons Victim of Heart Disease.

The body of Estelle Misaghiou, the manicurist who was found dead in the hotel at 430 Columbus avenue, yesterday morning, was removed from the West Sixty-eighth street police station yesterday afternoon to the Morgue, where it still lies.

Dr. H. A. Laurent of 44 West Ninety-seventh street, who was called to the hotel, said yesterday that Miss Misaghiou had been a patient of his for eight months. She was suffering from heart disease. She was taken suddenly ill early Friday morning and got a maid to telephone for him. Before he arrived she died.

Miss Misaghiou had been living at 752 West End avenue with a Mrs. Newell, who recently closed her house and went to the country. Miss Misaghiou took a room at the hotel four days ago.

PANAMA NOW FOR SILVER.

Resolution for a Gold Standard Rejected on the Final Reading.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PANAMA, May 28.—A resolution in favor of the gold standard was adopted in the Assembly of the Panama Republic yesterday, but that action was overturned to-day and the whole proposition was rejected. The circumstances under which this was done were peculiar.

Yesterday Delegate Vasquez and an alternate for Delegate Lastra voted for the adoption of the gold standard on the second reading. To-day in the voting on the third reading Señor Vasquez changed over to silver and Señor Lastra, who was present, also voted for the adoption of that standard. This caused a tie vote, 16 for gold and 16 for silver. When the second vote on the proposition was taken there was the same tie. According to the regulations of the Assembly when the same tie occurs twice the whole proposition is rejected.

The rejection of the plan has caused the greatest disgust here and business is paralyzed. Everybody was positive last night that the vote on the second debate had ended the vexatious question.

GERMAN SOLDIER'S HARD LUCK.

Gets Seven Years Sentence for Innocent Remark About the Kaiser.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 28.—The following astonishing story of terrible punishment in the German army has been published for the first time without being contradicted, so it may be accepted as a fact.

A squad of soldiers were drilling near the line when the Kaiser's train passed. The commanding officer ordered all to salute as the train passed by. Afterwards a sergeant overheard a private remark: "The Kaiser might have left the train alone down so that we could catch a glimpse of him." The private was arrested, tried by court-martial, found guilty of lese majesté and sentenced to seven years penal servitude after being drummed out of the army.

The Spectator, commenting on this, asks: "Can we wonder that the internal condition of the German army is what it is, though externally it still looks so strong, efficient and well organized?"

THE WEYLER-GOMEZ ROW.

Both Sides Request the Havana Papers to End the Dispute.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, May 28.—The publication of the letters of former Spanish Minister Weyler to Gen. Gomez in regard to the death of his son, Francisco, and the former revolutionary commander's reply, has caused a bitter debate in the Spanish and Cuban newspapers.

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NON-UNION MAN MURDERED.

"ENTERTAINED" TO DEATH ON HIS WAY HOME FROM WORK.

Man Bound Home From a New Haven Road Pier Set Upon in Jersey City and Beaten to Death—Women in Street Cars See the Attack—Larry Curran's Advice.

Larry Curran of Chicago, head of the Freight Handlers' Union, was quoted as saying in an address delivered to the New Haven line strikers on Friday at 208 East Broadway, this country:

"We want to keep away from saloons and use moral suasion, but we want to get a hold of these scabs and see that they're properly entertained, and you know how to do that. If they're properly entertained, you won't have 'em filling your places. It's your business to entertain them, if you have to. Take away their guns to defend yourselves, but don't carry any yourselves. Understand?"

Eighteen freight handlers who had taken the places of some of the strikers at Pier 18, East River, at the foot of Murray street, started to their homes in the neighboring State of New Jersey at 6:30 o'clock last night under the protection of four New York policemen.

The party went by the Erie ferry from the foot of Chambers street. When they reached the slip at the Jersey City side of the river, the policemen returned. The party broke up into two and three and started to walk to their homes. It was Dominick Sokotoski, 28 years old, of 238 Thirtieth street, Jersey City, and Peter Koenick, 26 years old, of 552 Henderson street, Jersey City, started home together, walking up Pavia avenue. Near Barnum street there's an Erie railroad crossing.

As Sokotoski and his companion approached the crossing they were met by a crowd of thirty or forty of the striking freight handlers. They carried no guns. "Here, here, here, here," shouted a man in the crowd. "Let's do the scabs."

The crowd promptly closed in on the two men. Sokotoski was struck several times with a cotton hook and then hit in the head with an iron rod, at the end of which was a big nut. He dropped in his tracks.

Koenick was also struck several times. The assault occurred in the middle of the eastbound street car tracks on Pavia avenue. A car on the other side of the tracks was stopped by the crowd. A passenger, realizing what was going on, ran to a telephone and sent in word to the Second precinct police station, in Seventh street, and the reserves came down on the run.

They found both men so badly injured that they were removed to the City Hospital. Sokotoski died from his injuries just after he got there. Koenick, although somewhat battered up, will recover.

Thomas Kahoe, the conductor of the street car, saw most of the assault. He, with August Lohse of 204 Hutton street, a passenger, told the police that they believed that they could pick out one of the men who struck Sokotoski.

They mingled in the crowd and finally picked out Edw. Morris of 28 years old, a longshoreman, of 453 Grove street, Jersey City. He was arrested.

The attack on the non-union men also stopped a northbound street car. It was crowded with women, many of whom saw the attack and began to shriek. It required the assistance of the police that there was no danger to quiet them.

WALKING DELEGATE ARRESTED.

Painter Said the Caller Threatened to Shoot Any Scab.

Samuel Cooper, a painter, came to the East Eighty-eighth street police station badly shaken yesterday afternoon and demanded the arrest of Etienne Albaretto.

"I was working in the new building at Eighty-ninth street and First avenue," he told the cops, "when an Italian walking delegate came up and asked me if I belonged to the Painters' Union. I said I didn't."

"Then you'll have to quit this job," said he. "I'll not. I'll see you hanged first," I said. "All right," he said. "We'll see."

"He pulled a big gun on me and told me he'd shoot any scab he saw. I ran back through the building, shinned down a fire escape and came here."

Detective Mallon went to the building and found there Albaretto, who said he was a walking delegate for the Painters' Union. He was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. No revolver was found on him.

SAVED THE MAY PARTY.

Policeman Dragged Two Blacks by Runaway—Driver Badly Hurt.

About forty children on a May party, who were going to Mount Morris Park yesterday morning, were saved from being run down by a runaway horse at 119th street and First avenue by Policeman Thomas J. Farrell of the East 126th street station. The policeman's uniform was torn to shreds. The driver of the runaway, Thomas J. Clark of 1843 Park street, was thrown from his seat, rescued by a crowd of onlookers and having his right leg broken in two places.

Clark's horse got frightened at 119th street and started up the avenue at breakneck speed. Farrell was at 117th street. He dashed out to the middle of the avenue, and waved for the horse. He succeeded in catching the bridle, but the animal dragged him over the cobble stones while he tried to avert it to the sidewalk.

The children saw their danger. Some of them got to the sidewalks, but the smaller ones stood still, so scared to run. Farrell, by making a strong effort, brought the horse to a stop with Edw. Morris of the little ones. The driver was picked up unconscious and taken to the Harlem Hospital.

CHICAGO TRACTION CO. WINS.

Judges Upheld the 99 Year Franchise Act Under Which It Claims Right.

CHICAGO, May 28.—The decision of Judges Grosscup and Jenkins, delivered in the United States Circuit Court this morning, upholds the ninety-nine year franchise extension act of 1885, passed by the State Legislature, under which the traction companies claim rights to their principal trunk lines until 1984 and 1990.

The decision upheld the rights of the companies under all ordinances prior to 1875.

It gives the traction companies on the three sides of the city rights to their most important trunk lines until 1984 and 1990. Rights of many of the minor lines will expire from time to time as the ordinance periods expire. The expired franchises of the Chicago Passenger Railway are not valid.

The attorneys for the traction companies regard the decision as a signal victory. They say the city is only a partial loser.

TO SQUEEZE MAY WHEAT SHORTS.

Waterman of Albany in Chicago to Be in at the Killing on Tuesday.

CHICAGO, May 28.—T. H. Waterman of Albany, N. Y., an extensive miller, reporter, millionaire, a daring speculator and a man who is supposed to have Chicago elevator people and other May wheat shorts tied up for a bad squeeze next Tuesday, arrived on "change shortly before the close to-day. He will be here at the killing the last day of the May contracts.

It is given out semi-authoritatively that the screws will be put on the Chicago May wheat shorts for a turn to \$1.10 a bushel as the deal ends.

One of the principal houses holding the Waterman lines of wheat said recently that a great line was settled recently when the price jumped to \$1.01 and over.

"But," said the commission man, "there are always certain pockets of shorts in such a deal and these are the people who may have to settle at \$1.10 at the end."

For the day the May price jumped about between 95½ and 97½ a bushel.

APARTMENTS FOR WOMEN ONLY.

Widow of Senator Gibson to Run Them for Fischer-Hansen Estate.

Announcement was made yesterday that two apartment hotels for women will be opened on the West Side next fall. The Fischer-Hansen estate, which owns a couple of six story apartment houses on Ninety-second street, between Central Park West and Columbus avenue, has decided that it will be more profitable to remodel them for the exclusive use of bachelor women.

The houses will be opened on Oct. 1 under the management of Mrs. Marietta H. Gibson, widow of United States Senator Charles H. Gibson of Maryland. They will be known as the Ratcliffe and the Pocahontas. The elevators will run all night.

DEADLY FIGHT UNDERGROUND.

Mine Contractor Shoots and Kills a Negro Who Attacked Him.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 28.—Will Harkins, a contractor for the Corona Coal and Iron Company at Corona, had a desperate fight in the mines early this morning with Willis Brewer, a negro. The fight took place a mile underground and there were no witnesses to the affair.

The negro had a big stick and was beating the white man terribly when the latter pulled his pistol and fired six shots into the man's body, killing him. The combatants had little miner's lamps on their caps. Harkins surrendered and gave bond for \$2,000, after which he was released.

SHE PREFERRED THE STEER AGE.

Miss Honeychurch Didn't Like the Company in the Second Cabin.

Miss Elizabeth Honeychurch, who arrived yesterday aboard the Cunarder Lucania from Liverpool and Queenstown, is somewhat sensitive, and when some of her fellow passengers in the second cabin persisted in poking fun at her because of her peculiar name she disappeared from among them. A rumor got around that she had fallen or jumped overboard. Nothing had happened to her, however. She simply had decided to spend the rest of the trip in the steerage, and she did not return to the second cabin until the ship was coming into port yesterday morning.

TOOK OWNER FOR A ROBBER.

Neighbors Catch Everett Entering His Own House, and Stop Him With Revolvers.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 28.—F. M. Everett, cashier of the First National Bank of Freehold, had a narrow escape from being shot for a burglar this morning. As it was, he was captured, and with two big revolvers thrust against his back was marched to a light before he was identified as a burglar.

At 1 o'clock this morning Dr. William Alden saw a man shabbily dressed and wearing a slouch hat prying open a window at the side of Everett's house. Alden was unarmed, so he ran to his friend, August Brehm, and the two, with revolvers cocked, returned to the scene. By that time the man had opened the window and was crawling in. Their first impulse was to shoot, but they decided to take him at a disadvantage and capture him.

"Hands up!" they ordered. Everett dropped